SIEC Briefing Paper on Proposed Mission Statement for the SIEC
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Description
The Committee will review a SIEC Mission Statement, which has been drafted for the Committee's consideration. The Committee will adopt the Mission Statement as drafted, or propose changes and adopt.

Recommendations to the Committee
It is recommended that the Committee agree upon and adopt a Mission Statement as a part of the first order of business.

Status
When the SIEC legislation was codified, a group comprised primarily of representatives from SIEC member organizations (SIEC Pre-Planning Group) was formed for the purpose of creating the agenda for the first SIEC meeting. In an effort to assist the SIEC to define the purpose and goals of the Committee, a Mission Statement was drafted for the committee's consideration.

Issues
None at this time.

Background
A Mission Statement is usually a one-paragraph description of an organization's purpose and rationale for being. A Mission Statement is normally written in the present tense and deals with specific outcomes and goals. It should communicate the essence of the organization in one guiding set of ideas that is articulated, understood and supported by the organization's stakeholders, board, staff and the public.

DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT

"In the interests of public safety the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) pursues and promotes statewide interoperability policies and standards, which will ensure reliable wireless emergency communications."

Definitions for key concepts included in Mission Statement:

Interoperability
An essential communication link within public safety and public service wireless communications systems which permits units from two or more different entities to interact with one another and to exchange information according to a prescribed method in order to achieve predictable results. **(SIEC Pre-Planning Group)**

Wireless
Using the licensed or unlicensed radio-frequency spectrum for transmitting and receiving voice, data and video signals via 802.11xx, cellular networks, land mobile radios, personal digital assistants, and notebook computers. **(Pre-Planning Group/Wireless Week)**